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In response to the Order remanding the Appeal to the Examiner from the BPAI dated January 12, 2009, the following miscellaneous communication is submitted responsive to Applicants communication dated February 8, 2008

1.The information disclosure statement filed February 8, 2008 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because;

- 1) the IDS was not submitted prior to the close of prosecution, i.e. before the mailing of the Final Office action dated 12/29/2006, as required under 37 CFR 1.97(c) (see MPEP §609.04(b) [R-5]),
- 2) The IDS does not comply with the requisite format as set forth under paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3) under 37 CFR 1.98, and
- 3) the IDS is not accompanied by the requisite fees and/or statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e).

It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered as to the merits. Applicant is advised that the date of any re-submission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement, including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609.05(a).

In view of the foregoing, the Application is being forwarded back to the Board for a decision on the merits.

/Steven P. Griffin/
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